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ON THE HORN OF AFRICA

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AT APRIL 12 NAC MEETING, MILITARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
ZEINER-GUNDERSEN REPORTED BRIEFLY ON THE HORN, STRESSING
THAT SOVIET SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIA CONTINUES. HIS COMMENTS
APPEARED TO BE BASED LARGELY ON US DIA REPORTS PREVIOUSLY
CIRCULATED NATO-WIDE. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE HE ALSO DREW ON
AN ITALIAN REPORT (ALSO CIRCULATED TO NATO CAPITALS AS
NADA/ASSESSMENT/APRIL/OO2/071000Z) IN STATING THAT A
CUBAN MECHANIZED BRIGADE WAS "REPORTED ON ITS WAY TO ERITREA
TOGETHER WITH SOME 400 SOVIET OFFICERS AND 1000 SOUTH
YEMENIS." HE ADDED THAT THERE ARE NOW AN ESTIMATED 50,000
ETHIOPIAN MILITIA AND REGULAR TROOPS IN THE AREA AND "A
MAJOR, CUBAN-AIDED, ETHIOPIAN OFFENSIVE CAN BE EXPECTED
BEFORE LONG." GLITMAN

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